

**SOMERSWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Hamilton, Scott Orzechowski, Angela Ficco, Mercedes O'Donohue, Dale Smith-Kenyon, Sarah McGraw, Jeremy Rhodes

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Shanna B. Saunders, Director of Development Services

The meeting was called to order by S Orzechowski at 6:57 p.m.

- 1) Approval of meeting minutes
Conservation Meeting minutes February 2019 (Workshop)
A. Ficco moves to accept, D. Smith-Kenyon seconds; Unanimously approved
Conservation Meeting minutes February 2019 (Regular)
A. Ficco moves to accept, D. Smith-Kenyon seconds; Unanimously approved
Conservation Meeting minutes March 2019
A. Ficco moves to accept, D. Smith-Kenyon seconds; Unanimously approved (J. Rhodes, S. McGraw abstain)
Conservation Meeting minutes April 2019 (Workshop)
A. Ficco moves to accept, D. Smith-Kenyon seconds; Unanimously approved (J. Rhodes, S. McGraw abstain)
Conservation Meeting minutes April 2019 (Regular)
Corrections noted: pg 2: correct to 'coordinate vision 2020 master #', Earth Day flag was raised April 17, Arbor Day flag was raised April 24
L. Hamilton moves to accept, A. Ficco seconds; Unanimously approved (J. Rhodes abstains)
- 2) Public Comment
No Public Comments
- 3) New Business
100 Tri City Road LLC is Seeking a conditional use permit to remove impervious surface within the 50' vegetated buffer and the 100' wetland buffer on a property located at 100 Tri-City Road in the Business (B) district, Assessor's Map 39 Lot 01, CUP#1-2019

The commission recommends approval of the request, with 3 notes:

1. Recommend correction of erosion at the SE corner of the property
2. Replace current indicated invasive plantings (honey locust) with plantings from the city recommended list
3. Examine more functional plantings behind erosion control swale and include if feasible.

Three waivers were requested:

1. 8-19-13-8-C-7, for work within the buffers: A. Ficco moves to recommend approval, J. Rhodes seconds, approved unanimously
2. 8-19-13-8-C-8 Exemption from tree count requirement: D. Smith-Kenyon moves to recommend, A. Ficco seconds, approved unanimously
3. 9-13-8-C-9 Exemption from species narrative; J. Rhodes moves to recommend, D. Smith-Kenyon seconds, approved unanimously

- 4) New Business
Willand Pond Road had 3 lots filled without approval. City staff has spoken with the responsible developer, who is remediating.

5) Old Business

A) Member Items, Sub-Committee Items and Reports

Note that the trails at Noble Pines contains a set of stairs which will be officially relabeled a trail; maintaining in another designation is cost-prohibitive.

Malley Farm Trails – A makeshift bridge has been placed over the stream here.

B) Update Regarding 53 Coles Pond Road Property

The Great Bay Resource Protection Grant is a reimbursement grant; it will only pay back what we've spent on acquisition, not in advance, and only once the acquisition is final. The grant is for \$20,000. Con Com is comfortable with the outlay of funds given this uncertainty. We will need a clarifying note to the City Council to reflect this news.

J. Rhodes moves that Conservation Commission proceed with seeking the grant, knowing the grant is reimbursement only and request that city staff inform the council; D. Smith Kenyon seconds. Approved unanimously.

C) Signage for Frank Richardson Trail

In progress

D) "No Hunting" Signage in City Parks

Signs have been posted at Malley farm; DPW is posting ATV signs.

E) Malley Farm Cottontail Habitat

Fish & Game has requested to meet with the City; we may be able to schedule a cottontail release on the site.

F) Japanese Knotweed Control

Sites have been identified at schools, Malley Farm, and the Cemetery. Discussed working with DPW to control.

G) Any Other Member/Sub-Committee Reports

None

H) Any Other Old Business That May Come Before the Commission

None

6) Treasurer's Report

No new transactions/items; account is generating approximately \$200/month.

Motion: A. Ficco moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J Rhodes. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeremy Rhodes Conservation Commission Secretary